GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:456
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STORING BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have to bear extra expenditure for the storage and maintenance of the additional buffer stock of Foodgrains in the Government godowns;

(b) if so, the annual extra expenditure incurred on this account in the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the amount of expenditure estimated to be incurred during the current year so far; and

(d) the source from which the Government has drawn money to bear this extra burden?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The estimated additional expenditure incurred on net surplus of wheat and rice over the requirement of TPDS during the financial years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was as under:-

(Rs.crores)

YEAR	Additional Expenditure
1997-98	904
1998-99	1392
1999-2000	2797

(c) : The additional expenditure during the current financial year will be finalized after the finalization of the accounts for the year as the stock position varies on a day to day basis.

(d) : Food Corporation of India undertake its operations through bank borrowings by availing cash credit facilities from a consortium of Banks constituted by the Reserve Bank of India. These borrowings are replenished by Government of India through the food subsidy budget in due course of time.